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SUBJ: CONSENSUS BUILDING TO OPEN OCEAN EXPO IN JULY 1975?

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. LOCAL NEWSPAPER REPORTS AS WELL AS CONVERSATIONS INDICATE THAT CONSENSUS MAY BE BUILDING TO OPEN OKINAWA INTERNATIONAL OCEAN EXPO IN JULY 1975. END SUMMARY.
2. LOCAL NEWSPAPER REPORTS OVER PAST WEEK INDICATE THAT CONSENSUS

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IS BUILDING TO OPEN OKINAWA INTERNATIONAL OCEAN EXPO SOMETIME BETWEEN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER 1975. REASONS GIVEN ARE THAT THE B.I.E. CONSENTED TO A POSTPONEMENT TO ANY TIME WITHIN 1975, THE EXPO MUST BE OPEN DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS TO ATTRACT VISITORS, AND ANY DELAY IN CONSTRUCTION CAN BE MADE UP IF THE

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EXPO IS POSTPONED BY THREE MONTHS. LOCAL NEWSPAPERS REPORTED THAT

EXPO ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR OHAMA WANTED TO OPEN EXPO IN JUNE OR JULU 1975, AND THAT OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL KATO AGREED WITH OHAMA THAT EXPO CONSTRUCTION COULD BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 75.

3. CONVERSATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR JAPANESE TRADING COMPANIES IN NAHA THAT /NOE INCENTIVE TO OPEN IN THE SUMMER OF 1975 COMES FROM THE POSSIBILITY OF WIDE-SCALE BANKRUPTCIES IF EXPO DOES NOT OPEN THEN. MANY MEMBERS OF OKINAWA'S TOURIST INDUSTRY HAVE BORROWED TO HILT TO PREPARE FOR EXPO. IF IT DOES NOT GO OFF BY THE SUMMER OF 75. THEIR CLAIMS AGAINST GOJ COULD BE COSTLY BOTH ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY.

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